



# **Public Involvement Plan**

## **Federal Certification Review**

**Public Comment Period**  
**Begins March 16, 2026**  
**Ends May 22, 2026**



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# Overview of Public Engagement

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## OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Killeen–Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (KTMPO) Public Engagement Plan reflects a strong commitment to meaningful, community-centered public involvement. KTMPO seeks to go beyond basic regulatory requirements by ensuring that public engagement activities are accessible, representative, and responsive to the communities it serves.

Guided by these principles, KTMPO focuses on creating opportunities for residents to participate in ways that are clear, open, and designed to encourage broad involvement. As engagement progresses toward deeper collaboration, strong partnerships emerge between

**Authentic community partnerships are built when planning concerns are simultaneously shifted between the public and decision-makers through policy boards and advisory committees with continued communication toward resolving transportation related issues.**

the public and regional transportation planners. This process ensures that community perspectives—through feedback, comments, and concerns—meaningfully influence transportation decisions.

### Who?

This public involvement opportunity is open to and intended for:

- Residents and commuters within the KTMPO planning area
- Local governments and elected officials
- Transportation agencies and service providers
- Businesses, freight operators, and employers
- Community organizations and advocacy groups
- Traditionally underserved populations, including low-income and minority communities, older adults, and individuals with disabilities
- And YOU!

Public input helps ensure regional transportation plans and programs reflect the needs, priorities, and values of the community.

## WHY?

The KTMPO is responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning and prioritizing the allocation of federal and state transportation funding for roadway, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian systems in the region.

Every four years, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) serving a transportation management area (TMA) – a designation by DOT of an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 as defined by the Bureau of the Census or smaller urbanized areas on request by the Governor and MPO – is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations.

- To ensure that KTMPO’s transportation planning process remains ongoing, collaborative, and comprehensive, and continues to meet federal requirements for metropolitan transportation planning.
- To review how planning efforts are working, including the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), performance-based planning, public involvement, the Congestion Management Process, and Hill Country Transit District, when applicable.
- To highlight strengths and best practices, and to identify opportunities for improvement that help strengthen regional planning efforts and maintain eligibility for federal transportation funding.
- The Federal TMA Certification Review checks that KTMPO’s transportation plans support safe, fair, and efficient transportation for the Killeen–Temple–Fort Hood region.
- Finally, it provides an independent review and helps improve coordination among KTMPO, TxDOT, transit providers, local governments, and the public.

### Certification - Public Hearing

*In making certification determinations under this paragraph, the Secretary shall provide for public involvement appropriate to the metropolitan area under review.*

*[23 USC 134(k)(5)(D)]*

*In conducting a certification review, the FHWA and the FTA shall provide opportunities for public involvement within the metropolitan planning area under review. The FHWA and the FTA shall consider the public input received in arriving at a decision on a certification action.*

*[23 CFR 450.336(b)(4)]*

## HOW?

KTMPO values public input. During the Certification Review, survey responses and public comments are submitted directly to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). KTMPO receives this feedback later as part of the scorecard process. We use the results to help improve regional transportation planning, and any recommendations or follow-up actions from the review will be addressed in coordination with our federal and state partners, with opportunities for continued public awareness and engagement.

Take the online survey, email your comments, and/or attend a public meeting.

**Survey:** [Planning Better Roads: Federal Review](#)

**Email Comments to Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division:**

[Kirk.fauver@dot.gov](mailto:Kirk.fauver@dot.gov) or [Tony.ogboli@dot.gov](mailto:Tony.ogboli@dot.gov)

## WHEN?

The Public Comment Period begins on March 16, 2026 and ends on May 22, 2026.

**Attend the Public Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**Time:** 5 – 6 PM

## WHERE?

**Location:** Central Texas Council of Governments  
2180 North Main Street, Belton, TX 78613

**Virtual Meeting Option:** GoTo Meeting Link: <https://meet.goto.com/938515829>  
Call in Number 1 (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 938-515-829

# **Language Assistance & ADA Accommodations**

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**Español**



## **ESPAÑOL**

La reunión sobre la revisión de la certificación federal está programada para el 15 de abril de 2026 y se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene dificultades para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si tiene una discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para satisfacer la mayoría de las necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción, o si es una persona con discapacidad que necesita una adaptación para asistir y participar en reuniones públicas, póngase en contacto con Anita Janke, Killeen-Temple MPO, en el 254-770-2364 antes de las 4:00 p. m., hora central, al menos tres días antes de la reunión pública.

## **\*NOTE OF BASIC REQUIREMENT**

Please note that public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and TIP development (and/or other planning documents) will satisfy the Program of Projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (FTA Section 5307) operated by Hill Country Transit District (HCTD), the transit provider for the region.

The Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the KTMPO office at 254-770-2200 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

# Meeting Agenda

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Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization

Public Meeting Notice

Killeen-Temple MPO Transportation Management Area (TMA)

Federal Certification Review

The Public Comment Period begins on March 16, 2026 and ends on May 22, 2026

### **Public Meeting**

#### **In-Person Meet-and-Greet / Open House Style**

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Central Texas Council of Governments

2180 N. Main Street

Belton, TX 78613

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*Staff will be available throughout the event to answer questions and discuss the project.*

*For more information, visit: <https://ktmpo.org/planning/public-involvement/>*

*Or call 254-770-2200*

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# Official Announcement

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## Announcement: Upcoming TMA Certification Review for the Killeen-Temple MPO

The U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA Texas Division and FTA Region 6) will conduct a Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning process on April 15-16, 2026. This review is being carried out pursuant to federal law under 23 U.S.C. § 134 and the metropolitan planning regulations at 23 CFR Part 450 to evaluate the MPO's metropolitan planning process and compliance with federal requirements.

### Purpose

- To evaluate whether the KTMPO's planning process is continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (the "3C" process) and is meeting federal requirements for metropolitan transportation planning under 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 23 CFR Part 450.
- To assess the effectiveness of key planning products and procedures, including the KTMPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), performance-based planning and programming, public involvement and consultation, and the Congestion Management Process (if applicable).
- To identify strengths, best practices, and any corrective actions or recommendations for KTMPO to improve the regional planning process and ensure continued eligibility for federal funding.

### Why Does This Matter?

- The Federal TMA Certification Review helps ensure the KTMPO's plans and programs support safe, efficient, equitable, and performance-based transportation investments for the Killeen-Temple-Fort Cavazos region.
- It provides an independent federal assessment and an opportunity to strengthen coordination among the KTMPO, Texas Department of Transportation, transit providers, local governments, and the public.

### Public Participation

- The Review will include opportunities for public input. Details on public meetings, comment periods, and how to submit comments will be posted here and shared through MPO notification channels (See the Public Input Form on the KTMPO's website).
- We encourage residents, stakeholders, and partner agencies to participate and share feedback on the regional transportation planning process.

### For more information

- Visit the [Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization - Central Texas Transportation Planning](#) for updates and scheduled public participation input opportunities.
- Contact: Kendra Coufal, Senior Planner, 254-770-2363, [Kendra.Coufal@ctcog.org](mailto:Kendra.Coufal@ctcog.org)



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
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January 13, 2026

In Reply Refer to:  
HPP-TX

Announcement of the Transportation Management Area (TMA)  
Certification Review for the Killeen-Temple  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
(KTMPO)

Bobby Whitson (KTMPO Chair)  
Bell County Commissioner, Pct. 2  
101 E Central Ave  
Belton, TX 76513

Dear Chairman Whitson:

A federal certification is required by law for all Transportation Management Area (TMA – an urbanized area over 200,000 in population), at least once every four years as required by Title 23 United States Code (USC) Section 134(k)(5) per 23 USC 134. The last TMA Certification Review for KTMPO was completed by FHWA and FTA Region 6 in May 2022. Our staff have been working closely with representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) to arrange a review of the metropolitan transportation planning (“3-C”) process for the region. This letter is to formally notify you that the FHWA and FTA Region 6 will be conducting our on-site joint federal certification review of the KTMPO from April 15-16<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The federal certification review will be held in person at the KTMPO office, 2180 North Main Street in Belton, Texas. For regional planning partners with limited travel or availability a virtual on-line option for participation will also be available. It is important that the regional planning partners leadership and staff (TxDOT Planning Division, TxDOT District, Transit, MPO) fully participate in the KTMPO federal certification review. Furthermore, we would appreciate if the Hill Country Transit District (HCTD) regional transit agency leadership and staff would attend and participate in this federal certification review. Please contact Kirk D. Fauver (512) 536-5952 of the FHWA Texas Division, or Tony Ogboli at (817) 978-0566 of the FTA Region 6 with any questions concerning this review. We look forward to seeing you in April 2026.

Sincerely yours,

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David Bartels, Director  
Planning and Program Development  
Federal Transit Administration  
Region 6

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Ed Burgos-Gomez, Acting Director  
Program Development  
Federal Highway Administration  
Texas Division



## KILLEEN-TEMPO MPO (KTMPO) TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW AGENDA April 15-16, 2026

LOCATION: 2180 North Main Street, Belton, TX 76513

### Wednesday, April 15, 2026 (Day #1)

Start Time	Review Topics	Discussion Lead
8:30-8:50 AM	1st Interview with Local Elected Official	FHWA-FTA Only
9:00-9:20 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Interview with Local Elected Official	FHWA-FTA Only
9:30-10:30 AM	KTMPO Policy Board Meeting	
10:40-11:00AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Interview with Local Elected Official	FHWA-FTA Only
11:00-11:30 AM	BREAK	
11:30-12:30 PM	LUNCH	
12:30-12:45 PM	Introduction and Purpose of Review	FHWA-FTA Region 6
12:45-1:00 PM	Background History of KTMPO	KTMPO
1:00-2:00 PM	Public Participation Process (PPP)	FHWA-FTA Region 6
2:00-2:45 PM	Integration of Safety into the MPO Planning Process	FHWA-FTA Region 6
2:45-3:15 PM	BREAK	
3:15-3:45 PM	2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Financial Plan Update (including Ops & Maintenance Costs and Revenues)	KTMPO
3:45-4:45 PM	Congestion Management Process (CMP)	KTMPO
4:45-5:00 PM	BREAK	
5:00-6:00 PM	FTA-FHWA Regional Roundtable Discussion	MPO Stakeholders, TxDOT District, TPP, FTA/FHWA, KTMPO, Public Transit

### Thursday, April 16, 2026 (Day #2)

Start Time	Review Topics	Discussion Lead
8:30-9:00 AM	Freight and Intermodal Planning	FHWA-FTA Region 6
9:00-9:30 AM	Transportation Performance Management (TPM)	FHWA-FTA Region 6
9:30-10:30 AM	Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	KTMPO
10:30-11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00-11:15 AM	MPO Staffing and Training Needs	KTMPO
11:15-11:45 AM	Preliminary FHWA-FTA Observations	FHWA-FTA Region 6
11:45-12:15 PM	Close Out of Review and Next Steps	FHWA-FTA Region 6
12:15 PM	Adjourn (Day #2)	



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# Scorecard

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## **SCORECARD**

*This page will be updated with Certification Review results after May 22, 2026.*

# End of Packet

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